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If $0 < a \leq b$ then:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{\sqrt{(1+x)(1+y)}} \leq (b-a) \ln \frac{b+1}{a+1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1+x)(1+y)}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{1+x} \cdot \frac{1}{1+y}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1+y} \right) \\ \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{\sqrt{(1+x)(1+y)}} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1+y} \right) dx dy = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{1}{1+x} dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{1}{1+y} dx dy = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (y)_a^b \cdot (\ln(1+x))_a^b + \frac{1}{2} (x)_a^b \cdot (\ln(1+y))_a^b = (b-a) \ln \frac{b+1}{a+1} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a=b$.